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new about it, and one turns almost instinctively to the sermon, "The Survival of the Unfittest," by Dr. Aked in *The Courage of the Coward*. Indeed these two furnish an interesting contrast between the sermon and the editorial. The author has a fine mastery of antithesis, and many of his sentences stick in the mind because of their pithiness. He closes an editorial, for example, as follows: "Not 'salvation without character,' which is absurd; nor 'character without salvation,' which is impossible; nor 'salvation by character,' which is a tautology, but 'character by salvation,' the triumph of God's grace in the life of man" (p. 24). The author's quotations are generally well chosen and accurate, but he makes a serious slip with Browning on p. 127. We shall pick up the book many times to read one of its sections for a tonic.

The Story of Our Bible. By Harold B. Hunting.
New York: Scribner, 1915. Pp. xii+290.
\$1.50.

Mullum in parvo well describes this compact story of the growth and contents of the Bible. In popular form it treats of translations and interpretations, of versions and revisions, of papyri and archaeology, of quests for accuracy and triumphs of true scholars, of the romance of missionary use of the Bible, and of various other subjects too numerous to mention. Not only the form and use of the Bible but the contents of many parts of it are presented in attractive style. The book tells of bards and ballad singers, of hymn-books within hymn-books, of misfortunes and the peace that passeth understanding, of comforters and guides and heroes, of reformers and religious statesmen. It gives chapters to "What Is True Christianity," "A Spiritual Gospel," and "Jesus, the Divine Savior." Beautiful illustrations abound; and the book can scarcely fail to prove attractive through some of its varied forms of presentation. Many people today may not care to undertake serious study of the Bible, but some of these same people would be charmed by this popularization of biblical material. The volume deserves a wide circulation.

Variety in the Prayer Meeting. By William T. Ward. New York: Methodist Book Concern, 1916. Pp. 192. \$0.50.

The title of this moderate-priced book indicates its contents. After considering the place of the prayer meeting in the Christian church, sections are given to elements which contribute to good prayer meetings. The room, the leader,

the opening exercises, the lesson, testimony, music, and prayer are considered. Special prayer meetings for various times and seasons and a chapter on "Some Other Things Worth While" cover a long list of interesting topics. Ideas about the use of printed matter and publicity methods are among the attractive parts of the book. An extra large number of hints and methods are presented and perhaps include some ways of procedure which might not appeal to all kinds of people. But out of the multitude of suggestions leaders of prayer meetings can find some good ideas for their work.

The Forks of the Road. By Washington Gladden. New York: Macmillan, 1916. Pp. 138. \$0.50.

Can Christianity tolerate war and national preparation for war? Can Christians truly be followers of the Christ and yet encourage militarism? Dr. Gladden, in this prize essay, gives a most emphatic negative answer to these questions. His arguments are somewhat rambling, not wholly conclusive, and are to be praised more for their sincerity than on account of the actual explication of the broad international problems which are necessarily involved in any such discussion.

Religion and the Mind. By George Richmond Grose. New York: Abingdon Press, 1915. Pp. 112. \$0.75.

A brief and timely word for young people—college students in particular—who are finding serious difficulty in readjusting their lives to modern ways of thinking. Out of a broad experience, President Grose advises his young friends to be absolutely fearless in the study of all religious subjects, assured that honesty, with reverence, invariably leads one into the life of religious certainty.

Why Men Pray. By Charles Lewis Slattery. New York: Macmillan, 1916. Pp. 118. \$0.75.

Most treatises upon this vital subject are so hackneyed, so foreign to the experience of the everyday practical soul, that we turn from them with weariness. Dr. Slattery has succeeded in pointing out the highway to God so plainly that even a child may not lose the way. He quickens one's faith in himself; he makes prayer a life of vast, yet attainable, possibilities; he whets our appetites for experimental knowledge of this deepest of all realities.